

AMENDMENT TO THE SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 9 with the following amended paragraph.

Guidance errors are compensated with the angle and transverse compensation in accordance with Figs. 3A and 3B, and distortions of the upper carriage 3, and correspondingly also of the lower carriage 4, in the guide rails are prevented and a highly accurate guidance without undesired transverse forces and bending moments is obtained. Furthermore, carriage guide devices 3.1, 4.1 attached to the upper carriage 3 and the lower carriage 4 contribute to exact guidance and low wear, and roll off by roller running units or rolling running units 3.5 on facing guide tracks 2.3, 2.3' of the guide rails 3 while adjusting the carriages 3, 4. In this case the guide tracks can be arranged as in Fig. 2B or Fig. 2C. With the embodiment in accordance with Fig. 2C, a pair of guide tracks 2.31, 2.32, are arranged at an angle relative to each other and on each of which a prestressed guide unit runs off, and provided on each side of the guide tracks 2. The pairs of guide tracks 2.31, 2.32 extend parallel with each other in the linear direction. The space inside the carriage guide devices 3.1, 4.1 is sealed toward the outside by encircling sealing means and can advantageously be charged with pressure and lubricated with oil. On their end

Serial No.: 10/531,115

areas located in the running direction, the carriage guide devices 3.1 each have strippers 2.2 for preventing soiling and for maintaining exact guidance properties. It is also possible to provide additional sealing lips and strippers toward the outside.